

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

The House passed H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1799–S1870*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2011–2012. **Page S1857**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S1805–40, S1841–50**

Adopted:

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 47), Levin Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide alternative provisions to better encourage increased use of alternative fueled and hybrid vehicles. **Pages S1812–28**

By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 48), Miller Amendment No. 2998 (to Amendment No. 2917), to prohibit the increase of the average fuel economy standard for pickup trucks. **Page S1830**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3000 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify FERC merger market-based rate, and refund authority, and to strike the transmission interconnection provision. **Pages S1835–36**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3001 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify provisions on access to transmission by intermittent generators and make conforming changes. **Pages S1836–37**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3002 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require states to consider requiring time-of-use metering. **Page S1837**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3003 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require states to consider adopting the federal net metering standard. **Page S1837**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3004 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify state authority to protect electric consumers. **Page S1837**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3005 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the requirement for the federal government to purchase renewable fuels. **Pages S1837–38**

Thomas/Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 3006 (to Amendment No. 2917), to make conforming changes in the table of contents. **Page S1838**

Campbell/Brownback Amendment No. 3007 (to Amendment No. 2917), to strike the section establishing a program to provide assistance for State programs to retire fuel-inefficient motor vehicles. **Pages S1838–40, S1841–43, S1845–46**

Domenici Amendment No. 3009 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish an Office within the Department of Energy to explore alternative management strategies for spent nuclear fuel. **Pages S1846–47**

Bingaman (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3010 (to Amendment No. 2917), to include biobased polymers and chemicals in the biofuels program. **Page S1848**

Bingaman (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3011 (to Amendment No. 2917), to direct the Secretary of Energy to study designs for high temperature hydrogen-producing nuclear reactors. **Page S1848**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1805**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets. **Page S1805**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Pages S1830–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the recognition of Senator Thomas to offer an amendment with respect to reliability, on Thursday, March 14, 2002. **Page S1867**

**Campaign Finance Reform:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of

H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, March 15, 2002.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on the National Emergency with Respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-75)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Iran beyond March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-76)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Louis Kincannon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census.

Jeanette J. Clark, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Harold D. Stratton, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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David A. Gross, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy.

Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

David Phillip Gonzales, of Arizona, to be United States Marshal for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Edward Zahren, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Charles M. Sheer, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Gorden Edward Eden, Jr., of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

John Lee Moore, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

William P. Kruziki, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S1857**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S1857**

**Measures Read First Time:** **Page S1867**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1855-56**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S1866-67**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S1867**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) **Pages S1827-28, S1830**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1869).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS/CRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities